

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re:    Application of:        Benjamin OSHLACK, et al.  
  
      Serial No.               Not yet assigned  
  
      Filed:                   Herewith  
  
      For:                    **CONTROLLED-RELEASE COMPOSITIONS  
CONTAINING AN OPIOID AGONIST AND  
ANTAGONIST**

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the first paragraph on page 1, with the following paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,076, filed February 8, 2001, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/181,358, filed February 8, 2000, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.--